

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1887.

Money to Loan

LAKENAN & BARNES, financial correspondents Eastern capitalists, have unlimited capital to loan for 2 to 7 years time at a low rate of interest on farms in Andrain and neighboring counties. Privilege of paying part or all of loan before term. If you desire a loan call on us and we will give you terms that defy competition.

LAKENAN & BARNES,
Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents,
MEXICO, MO.

\$50 Premium.

The Mexico Ledger will give a cash premium of \$50 to the farmer getting the State premium for the best five acres of corn, providing he lives in this county. The best corn in the State can be raised in this county.

City Council meets next Monday night.

Mrs. Dr. French is much improved after a week's illness.

Geo. R. Wendling, lecture, June 7th. Benefit of Hardin College.

The Andrain County Medical Society has adjourned for the summer.

Born, to Jasper Bass and wife, 510 West Jackson street, a daughter.

The back taxes are being hustled up in good shape by the city officers.

J. W. Trimble, of Santa Fe, is visiting his son, Wood Trimble, of this city.

The Fulton fair will begin August 23d, two weeks after the Mexico fair.

Dr. J. F. McWilliams has had his office refitted and renovated thoroughly.

The ministers of this city have formed an association with, monthly meetings.

The Chinese students at the Liberty street M. E. Church May 20th. See them.

James Powers and wife are back from California, and will reside at Thompson.

The ladies of Auxvase will give a festival at that place on the evening of the 26th.

W. B. McIntire sold to John T. Mead, this morning, a 20x120 foot lot for \$900.

Jeff Cunningham, near Martinsburg, has some of the best wheat in the county.

An electric light was placed in the circuit court room in the court house to-day.

Mrs. Ab. Cassidy, of St. Louis, is spending a pleasant week at Elmer Cunningham's.

Bob Freeman sold a bunch of extra hogs, average 225 pounds, to Dilard & Jones at \$4.35.

Saturday next is the last day on which suit can be brought for the next term of court.

Dr. J. T. Hickman is in Evansville, Ind., at the bedside of a son, who is seriously ill.

Dr. W. V. Walker, as a good Baptist, enjoys these heavy rains—the roof is off his house.

A great many fishing parties left the city to-day. Fishing seems to be extra good this season.

Lakeman & Barnes will throw their beautiful 10-acre addition to the city on the market early in June.

The oil well contractors will likely have electric light placed on the grounds for their night work.

A marriage license was to-day granted to G. E. Gish, of St. Louis, and Miss Mollie Easton, of Laddonia.

The gentleman who got a stand of bees from Willis Johnson, a year ago to raise on the shares, will please report.

The ex-Confederate reunion will be held in Mexico Sept. 14th. Arrangements should be attended to now.

Miss Ida Spencer, of Laddonia, keeps all the latest styles of millinery, which she is selling as low as the lowest.

It has been suggested that the Opera House be painted and penciled after the fashion of the LEXONER building.

Rubber boots are being bought for the fire company with the money donated by Ex. Gov. C. H. Hardin and others.

The children's meeting at the M. E. Church, South, has been postponed from to-morrow to the following Sabbath.

A. E. Myers, of Laddonia, has sold out and is going to Kansas. The LEXONER looks for him back most any time.

A committee on Trades Procession should be appointed at once. This should be made a feature of the fair and should even surpass the display of last year.

The Missionary Baptist Church is to be remodeled. Electric lights and water are to be put in, and when completed it will be one of the handsomest churches in North Missouri.

The flagstaff on the Windsor Hotel was struck by lightning Saturday night about two o'clock, and the east side of it splintered, the pieces falling to the street below. No further damage was done.

Carter & Maddox bought their fine horse, Ayres' Hambletonian, from a gentleman who lives at Chillicothe, Mo. Five fine mares are to be brought from that place to be bred to this horse, which speaks well for him.

The Oil Well Rig Complete in Every Particular.

STEAM UP. AND WORK BEGUN—BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COMPANY, ETC.

Full Description of the Machinery in use—Everything in Splendid Order and Success Assured.

The oil and gas well rig is complete in every particular, steam up and unless something unexpected happens, the hole will have been started by the time the LEXONER reaches its readers. Hundreds of people gathered on Flat Rock, to be present at the first strike of the drill, which the LEXONER has announced. The military drum corps was on the ground.

The Mexico Mining and Manufacturing Company is comparatively a new thing. The subject of organizing such a company was never broached until the latter part of November last, when at a meeting of the Board of Trade, a few enterprising citizens took the matter in hand, appointed committees and in the early part of December it was announced that a \$10,000 company had been organized. Later, permanent organization was effected, and a charter obtained.

At a meeting held in December, Rufus Hisey was elected president, J. C. Bassford, vice-president, A. C. Barnes, secretary and J. F. Llewellyn, treasurer. The directors elected were Rufus Hisey, J. C. Bassford, A. C. Barnes, C. F. Clark and H. A. Rickerts.

A. W. Wolf, of Washington, Pa., was awarded the contract for the work of boring a 3,000 foot hole, work to be commenced as soon as possible. Flat Rock, just west of the Union Depot, was selected as a location, and the hole will go down on the property of W. B. McIntire, in that part of the city.

The following description of the machinery and rig written by a gentleman of experience in this line, will be read with interest at this time:

The first thing that attracts the attention of the visitor to Flat Rock is the tall derrick about eighty feet in height with the conspicuous sign of the Oil and Gas Co. attached to it near its top. Arrived at the derrick, the visitor finds it has a plank floor about sixteen feet square at its base, with a hole in the center for the drill, and a platform on its top to support the pulley over which the drill rope works. The next thing examined will probably be the hoisting shaft, supported by journals and having drums at each end of it, connected with bands to the driving drum of the engine. The drill rope is to coil around the shaft and pass over the pulley at the top down to the drill tools. The main use of the shaft is to lower and raise these tools into and out of the hole. After examining these the visitors eye will most probably alight on the walking beam, supported by a post and attached by an adjustable crank at one end to the axle of the driving drum. It has a radius of about twenty inches, and communicates a reciprocating motion of similar extent to the other end of the beam, to which is bolted an iron joint to which the temper screw and sucker rods will be attached. It is also connected by a rope with a clamp to the drill rope. The object of this contrivance is to churn the drill tools. The drill tools consist of a stem, into which the tools themselves are attached by screws, which is about twenty feet long and weighs in the neighborhood of sixteen hundred pounds. Ascending from the lowest tool which is the opening bit there is a reamer to widen and smooth the hole. After this is the sinker bar and on top of that the jar or hammer by which the effect of the stroke of the bit is increased. At intervals of from six to twelve feet these will be withdrawn and the pulp created by their operation removed by a sand pump. This is a heavy metal tube smaller than the hole and closed at the lower end when drawn up by a valve, by means of which, besides removing the sediment, information is imparted to the operators of the progress of the work and the character of the strata penetrated. The tubing consists of heavy iron pipes lowered into the hole by sections. The first section has a ball pump valve connected by a rope or wire with a cylinder, operated by the driving drum, by means of which the ball can be introduced and withdrawn. The obstacles usually encountered in drilling are boulders, crevices and quicksands, which blunt the drills and obstruct their operation and often detach them from the rope. The contrivances to overcome these obstacles and accidents are so numerous that they cannot be described in this article.

The colored school exhibition will be given at the Opera House, May 28th. The north side of the first floor will be reserved for those white people who may wish to attend. The remainder of the house will be for colored people. Admittance 10c and 20c. Tickets now on sale at Kabrich & Co's. dry goods store.

J. A. Dye, of Vandalia, was yesterday to buy two or three car loads of Pollock's flour. Jim is a live, go-ahead grocery merchant in his town and believes Mexico flour to be the best.

Roodhouse, Illinois, is now lighted by electricity.

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Acknowledged Leaders OF STYLES!

And Makers of Low Prices!

Joe & Vic Barth,
North Side of Square.

Largest and Most Complete Stock

—OF—
Spring Goods

OF ALL KINDS!

Ever seen in any house in this town.

When you want the style you have to go to BARTH'S.

You will always find it at this house.

See Our Elegant Hats and Ties!

THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRADE is in correspondence with parties interested in the extension of the C. & A.

Sunday morning, lightning struck a house west of the Hebrew cemetery, belonging to W. H. White, inflicting considerable damage.

Bob Steele has his office in J. J. Steele's drug store. He has a lot of Southwest Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas land for sale.

Mark Pileher has a watch over 100 years old. It bears the brand of a Virginia watch repairer, certifying that he repaired it in 1835.

A severe hail storm laid everything low south of Martinsburg and Benton City Saturday. The area covered by the storm was small.

Mrs. L. Marnaduke Hicks has the thanks of the LEXONER for an invitation to the commencement exercises of Howard College, Gallatin, Tenn.

Dr. French, of this city, has received from Philadelphia, an apparatus for the treatment of consumption by M. Bergoin's French method.

Judge Sherwood, of the supreme court, yesterday confirmed the case of the C. & A. railroad, appellant, vs. Maddox et al., respondents, Andrain Circuit.

Mrs. L. L. Gray, of Benton City, died at 3 o'clock Thursday at that place, of pneumonia. The funeral took place at one o'clock Friday row, in this city.

The Mexico foundry continues to do the casting for the Ringo-Nelson Steam Washer. A zinc vat has been built, and they will be galvanized where they are made.

There was a most enjoyable dance at Jeff Cunningham's, near Martinsburg, Friday night. All present had a jolly good time and went home early in the morning.

The Moberly Monitor has been sued for \$10,000 damage, by Chas. Maynard, a Kansas City Evening Star reporter, for publishing a libelous article concerning him.

Mrs. McPheters, wife of the late Wm. McPheters, died Thursday at her home near Concord, being over 80 years of age. The funeral occurred at 10 o'clock this morning.

Willis Johnson, of this city, who now lives at West Plains, Mo., is collector of that city, and has been for two years. Willis is a worthy young man and very popular deservedly.

J. H. Lawler has sold his coal oil wagon and business to Ed. Bass and recommends him to his trade. Ed. is a clever and prompt young business man, worthy of the patronage of the public.

Thos. R. Dodge, a clerk during the last session of the legislature and late editor of the Vandalia Leader, has secured a position on the Progress, published at Leavenworth, as city editor and solicitor.

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Elder Hook will preach at Bean Creek the Saturday evening before the fifth Sunday. Services will also be held on the fifth Sunday, morning and evening.

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SOME BIG BORES.

Records of What has Been Passed Through in Boring Deep Holes on Land Near Mexico.

At this time, when the sole topic of conversation in Mexico is the 3,000 foot hole started on Flat Rock, a complete list of all the holes put down in Mexico and vicinity with records, will be read with no little interest. A LEXONER reporter looked up old records and papers this morning and with considerable difficulty ascertained the facts below:

A hole was started on May 28, 79, by W. H. Rice & Co., at the bottom of a forty-foot well just east of their factory at the upper end of Jackson street, this city. The object of the bore was to find a water supply. Four feet of flint was first drilled through, then 4 feet of slate, 8 inches coal, 40 feet of interstratified clay, 14 feet white rock, 5 feet hard blue rock, very severe on drill. At 130 feet from the surface flint rock with pyrites was encountered, and at 141 feet 8 or 9 feet of hard limestone, followed at 154 feet by flint chert. Soft, fine, white and stone was struck at 175 feet and as no water of consequence was found, the hole was abandoned.

In October, '84, a hole was drilled for water on the place of J. B. Snider, West Love street, to a depth of about 200 feet. Plenty of water was obtained here, and 40 feet of limestone, 18 inches of coal and 40 feet of fire clay passed through.

A hole was bored some years ago to a depth of a 190 feet on the James M. Smith place, southeast of this city, and no water reached; fire clay but no coal of any consequence was passed through.

On the James Callaway farm, 14 miles west, eight feet of white sandstone was struck after passing through the soil; then 3 feet red, followed by 77 feet of white, with 161 feet more with no record.

On the old John Smith farm, northwest of the city, various formations were passed through and little fire clay and no coal reached. This hole was a shallow one.

The hole bored by the city at Vandalia, 29 miles east of Mexico, has reached a depth of 226 feet and work is still in progress. The object to find water, though a sufficient quantity has not yet been found. Fifteen feet of clay and soil were passed through at the start, followed by one foot of sand and gravel, 1-1/2 feet gray potter's clay, 12 feet limestone, 5 feet slate, 2-3 feet coal, 19 feet fire clay, then through lime stone to the present depth.

Other holes have been drilled to similar depths throughout the county, but are without record, among them being one on Clark's farm, near the Fair grounds, 150 feet, with 90 feet of water, and one at Martinsburg for coal. None found.

Death of Mrs. Lowenstein. Mrs. Lowenstein, wife of Max Lowenstein, a prominent clothier of Moberly, died suddenly in this city last Friday at the residence of Mr. G. Blum, 309 West Monroe street, whose family she was visiting.

Mrs. Lowenstein was in perfect health up to Saturday week, when she was taken ill with malaria fever, but gradually grew better, until noon last Saturday she was feeling well. After five o'clock in the afternoon, however, she was attacked with a congestive chill, and died within an hour.

Mrs. Lowenstein leaves one child, a baby. Funeral services were held in this city Sunday at 3 o'clock by Dr. Messing, of St. Louis, and the remains were buried in the Hebrew cemetery west of the city.

Mr. Lowenstein has the sympathy of the entire city.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Mexico, and not one-fourth of the people could get into the house. Lowenstein is one of the most prominent business men of this part of the State, and has a host of warm friends in Carrollton Mo.

[Moberly, Mo., Carrollton, Mo., and Ladoga, Ind., papers please copy this article.]

Death of Mrs. Costworth. Mrs. Costworth, wife of R. Costworth, of this city, died yesterday at 10 o'clock. The funeral will take place this afternoon, from St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Promenade and Water streets, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Deceased was in a fair state of health until last Monday night when she received a stroke of apoplexy, and grew gradually worse until the time of her death. She was an estimable lady, and leaves a large number of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Costworth was born in the State of New York 64 years ago, but had been a native of Mexico for 20 years. Three sons, Frank, of this city, Jay, of Kansas City, and Elwyn, of Laddonia, and her husband, R. Costworth, survive her.

Programme for Commencement of Hardin College.

Address before Literary societies by Dr. S. S. Laws, May 30th, 8 p. m. Election contest, June 3d, 8 p. m. Annual sermon by Rev. A. M. Vandeman, June 5th, 11 a. m.

Final concert, June 6th, 8 p. m. Mr. Wendling's lecture on Stone-wall Jackson, for benefit of chapel fund June 7th, 8 p. m.

Graduating exercises, June 7th, 8 p. m. Art exhibition during the week. Public cordially invited.

Jim G. Anderson, formerly of the Richmond Democrat, one of the most genial gentlemen and brilliant writers in the State, died Tuesday, of rheumatism of the heart, at his home in Richmond.

Mr. Bradley, of the cemetery, informed a LEXONER reporter this morning that a great many graves are in a bad condition on account of the rains, and should be tampered up and sodded, at once.

The Old RELIABLE Corner. Harper, Turner & Co.,

Is a Constant Source of Wonder to the People of Mexico and Vicinity.

What Goes With all the goods that H., T & CO. are received by

Keep your eye upon this advertisement and it will tell you the "Old Reliable Corner" of HARPER, TURNER & CO. is always

OFFERING CUSTOMERS MORE

For a nickel to \$1 than can be bought elsewhere.

Always full measure and full weight, heaping full and running over, and for less money than any house in town. Make us a visit and tell us you saw our "ad." and would like to see some of the wonders we say so much about in the papers, and if we can't show you sights you never beheld before then don't come see us again. HARPER, TURNER & CO. always do what they promise in their advertisements in DRY GOODS and GROCERIES.

Harper, Turner & Co.

Northeast Corner Public Square, Mexico, Mo.

MONEY! MONEY!

\$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000 \$5,000.

Good farm loans can now be placed for three or five years time at fair rates in Andrain, Boone, Callaway, Randolph, Monroe, Ralls and Pike counties. Apply to

J. P. CLARK, Mexico, Mo. Agent for eastern capital and direct real estate and loan agent in Central Missouri. 45-1f

Ladies, buy the Eagle Steam Washer; it is the best, cheapest, lightest and most durable and perfect washing machine ever made. No iron to brake, no wood to leak. We don't make agents pay for territory, but give them all the territory they want and sell them washers lower than they can buy many worthless washers at. Beware of peddlers selling inferior washers and representing them as improvements over the Eagle. Retail price \$6.00. Write to G. L. Ferris for an agency.

Champion and Osborne Machines. Extras and repairs always on hand. 3-lyr.

LADDONIA LACONICS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. LADDONIA, May 17.—Rev. Pearson, of Louisiana, preached to the Presbyterian church here yesterday.

Mrs. J. Beal, delegate to the W. C. T. U. convention in Louisiana, attended the convention and spoke in great praise of Mrs. Clara Hoffman's lectures delivered there.

Miss Alma Hamilton is visiting in Louisiana.

Rev. Dreyfus, of Louisiana, preached here yesterday at the M. E. Church, South. Rev. D. W. Nichols conducted the children's meeting at 3 o'clock.

Our Kansas City land agents are here yet trying to trade for more valuable property in Laddonia. They know they are safe in buying property in Andrain county.

Several strawberry festivals are talked of. The Baptist church has been nicely papered and is as bright as a new pin, and the Missionary society of that church are talking of a festival to help pay expenses.

Rev. Martin will preach in the Christian church next Sunday.

Miss Price, of Vandalia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Madden.

Miss Gennis Brown returned last week from a visit to Chicago.

Our Laddonia mill is booming. Eighty bushels of meal sold in one day.

Farmers are busy plowing corn and it looks very well.

MARTINSBURG MUSINGS.

Correspondence of the Ledger. MARTINSBURG, Mo., May 17.—The protracted meeting held at this place by the Christian Church closed the 10th inst., and increased the church membership by 14.

Miss Ella Hays left yesterday for her new home in Jefferson City, her mother and sister went Wednesday.

Mrs. Scott, Thomas Edwards, Chris Nobrenburg and Oscar Kreiger left Wednesday for Europe; they were to be joined by others from Mexico and Wellsville. Oscar secured a passport from Washington before he left as he owes the Fatherland military service.

L. P. Crigger and wife are visiting the old folks. Married life seems to agree with Leeb.

It rained very hard just west of us on Saturday but here in town we had only a light shower.

Ed. Kendall was in town Friday to buy horses and mules. He bought only one mule, and that of Capt. Dix, for \$125.

A Real Estate Boom.

Mary had a little lot, and thought she'd better sell; she placed it on the market and the way that lot did—well, it sold four times within a week, and every time it went, the lucky man who bought it cleared \$99 per cent.

"What makes town lots go flying so?" the eager buyers cry. "Mexico's on a boom, you know," the agents do reply. And so the owners mark them up, yet buyers do not equal, but run impatiently about for fear they'll lose a deal.

The Public Interested.

When manufacturers of an article are seeking the public to consume their wares, it is indeed refreshing to know that they are relying endorsed, as illustrated by the united endorsement of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic and Liver Pills by the druggists of St. Paul.

Lakeman & Barnes' great sale of lots will take place June 7th.

Artists' Goods!

NEW LOT OF THINGS.

ZONWEIS, for the Teeth.

White Lead and Paints,

FOR THE OUTSIDE.

Flower Seeds.

SODA WATER,

Fruit syrups from glass containers.

Patent Medicines, New and Old.

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Window Glass.

J. F. LLEWELLYN,

WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE,

MEXICO, MISSOURI.

WOOL! WOOL!

Go to G. Kabrich, of Mexico, if you want the highest price for your wool. He is the most liberal buyer in Mexico, and buys more wool than any man in the county. Sacks and time free. 5-3f

New Harness Shop.

Call on F. B. McRoberts in the west block for any and everything in the harness or saddle line. Bragg's Spring Saddles a specialty. He defies competition. 1-1f

For Insurance against Cyclones, Wind-storms and Tornadoes, go to

Kilgore & Howell.

James Garrett has the best binder and mower made for sale and asks the public to call and examine. Don't buy till you get his prices. 5-1f

Stockmen, Attention.

You should buy all means have a shorthorn pipe. Call at Easter's and buy one. 228-2w-w-1f

Call and examine Garrett's mammoth stock of hardware, just received, 16 West side. w-1f

Saved His Life.

Mr. D. L. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was, for many years, badly afflicted with Pains, also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from the first bottle and after taking six bottles was entirely cured, and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died, had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by J. F. Llewellyn.

Franz Wainwright, a young man who has lived with his widowed mother on East Liberty street, is dead. He was a grandson of the late Amos Ladd.